

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 1-17 are pending. Claims 1, 2, 9 and 10 are allowed. Claims 3-8 and 11 are rejected. Claims 12-17 are added. Claims 1, 3-9 and 11 are currently amended.

Claims 1, 3-9 and 11 are amended for grammatical and clarification purposes. Claims 3, 7 and 8 are amended to include only "the polyisobutene" and not "the solution of the polyisobutene". New claims 12, 16 and 17 are added to include "the solution of the polyisobutene" and therefore parallel original claims 3, 7 and 8 respectively. Accordingly, new claims 13-15 are added to depend from new claim 12 and parallel claims 4-6 that depend on claim 3. Claim 9 is amended to properly depend from claim 1, not claim 2, since the Lewis acid is recited in claim 1 and the Lewis acid can be boron trifluoride for all claims depending from claim 1, not just claim 2. Additionally, Claim 11 is amended to properly depend from claim 2, not claim 3, because amended claim 3 no longer refers to the solution of the polyisobutene as does claim 2. No new matter has been entered.

Consequently, the 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, rejections have been obviated in view of the above discussed amendments.

Accordingly, and in view of the indication of allowable subject matter, Applicants submit that all now-pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicants respectfully request the withdrawal of the rejection and passage of this case to issue.


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